

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 240
By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to recognize Christine Graves Bell for her meritorious service to the people of Chester County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Christine Graves Bell is one such estimable person who has served the people of Chester County and the State of Tennessee with distinction for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Christine Graves Bell will be taking a much deserved retirement on February 28, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Christine Graves Bell is an active and important part of her community and her profession; her twenty-six years with the Chester County Sheriff's Department as the food service supervisor and bookkeeper and her four and a half years with the Chester County Trustee's Office as a Deputy Trustee will be remembered and appreciated for years to come; and

WHEREAS, this hard-working woman also served as a bookkeeper and salesperson for the Trading Post Carpet and Appliance from 1964-1978; and

WHEREAS, she is an active and devout member of the First Pentecostal Church of Henderson, which she has served faithfully for many years as a youth director and teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bell is the proud daughter of Ernest R. and Mary Graves of Dyer County, Tennessee and exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable woman enjoys the love and companionship of her husband, Eric Bell, a former Sheriff of Chester County; sons and daughters-in-law, Rex and Terri Bell and

Terry and Crista Bell; daughter and son-in-law, Molly and Tim McKinnies; and six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Christine Graves Bell has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Mrs. Christine Graves Bell for her distinguished service to the people of Chester County and the State of Tennessee and extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.